

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

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1. (currently amended) A disposable wearing article, ~~characterized by~~ comprising:

a back region having extensibility in a waist direction and provided with stopper members at both ends in the waist direction;

an abdominal region provided with flap portions at both ends in the waist direction; and

an absorber that bridges between the back region and the abdominal region, wherein a length of the back region in the waist direction when the back region is stretched is longer than a length of the abdominal region in the waist direction, and the length of the back region in the waist direction when no force is applied from an outside is almost equal to the length of the abdominal region in the waist direction or shorter than the length in the waist direction.

2. (currently amended) A method of manufacturing a disposable wearing article having a back region, an abdominal region, and an absorber that bridges between the back region and the abdominal region, ~~characterized by~~ comprising:

a step of manufacturing a first elastic laminated body for back region by bonding a first elastic member for waist and a second elastic member for body-fitting use to be sandwiched in a stretched state in a flow direction between a first web for outer surface and a second web for inner surface that are fed continuously in the flow direction;

a step of attaching stopper members to the first elastic laminated body to be positioned at both ends of the back region in the waist direction;

a step of manufacturing a second elastic laminated body for abdominal region by bonding a third elastic member for waist to be sandwiched in a stretched state in the flow direction between a third web for outer surface and a fourth web for inner surface that are fed continuously in the flow direction;

a step of loosening stretching of the first and second elastic members by adjusting a tensile force of the first elastic laminated body in the flow direction for lengths of the back region and the abdominal region in the waist direction to become almost equal;

a step of attaching the absorber to bridge between the first elastic laminated body and the second elastic laminated body at an intermediate position of the back region and the abdominal region in the waist direction;

a step of overlying the first elastic laminated body and the second elastic laminated body one on the other by folding the absorber; and

a step of cutting the overlaid first elastic laminated body and second elastic laminated body at an intermediate position of neighboring absorbers.

3. (currently amended) A method of manufacturing a disposable wearing article having a back region, an abdominal region, and an absorber that bridges between the back region and the abdominal region, characterized by comprising:

a step of manufacturing an elastic laminated body for back region by bonding an elastic member to be sandwiched in a stretched state in a flow direction between a first web and a second web that are fed continuously in the flow direction;

a step of attaching stopper members to the elastic laminated body to be positioned at both ends of the back region in a waist direction;

a step of feeding a member for abdominal region continuously in the flow direction;

a step of loosening stretching of the elastic member by adjusting a tensile force of the elastic laminated body in the flow direction for lengths of the back region and the abdominal region in the waist direction to become almost equal;

a step of attaching the absorber to bridge between the elastic laminated body and the member for abdominal region at an intermediate position of two stopper members attached to the elastic laminated body;

a step of overlying the elastic laminated body and the member for abdominal region one on the other by folding the absorber; and

a step of cutting the overlaid elastic laminated body and member for abdominal region at an intermediate position of neighboring absorbers.